

Please cancel original claims 1-15 and 19-27, without prejudice.

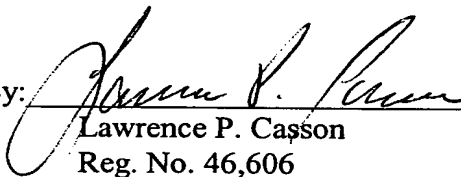
Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, original claims 1-15 and 19-27.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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